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SUBJ: NO PARTY DAY EDITORIAL

REF: HONG KONG 7372, JULY 1, 1974

1. PEKING'S FAILURE TO PUBLISH AN EDITORIAL MARKING THE PARTY'S 54TH ANNIVERSARY SUGGESTS EITHER THAT THE REGIME CANNOT AGREE ON THE DOMESTIC LINE TO BE SET, OR THAT THE TIME IS NOT CONSIDERED RIGHT TO MAKE SUCH AN AUTHORITATIVE PRO-NOUNCEMENT. THE PATTERN FOR PUBLISHING A PARTY DAY EDITORIAL HAS BEEN ERRATIC IN RECENT YEARS, AND OBVIOUSLY THE EVENT IS OPTIONAL, DEPENDING UPON THE NEED TO PUT ACROSS A MESSAGE PLUS AGREEMENT ON WHAT IT SHOULD BE. LAST YEAR'S EDITORIAL, FOR EXAMPLE, STRESSED THE NEED TO KEEP THE PARTY ABOVE FACTIONAL ATTACK, AT A TIME WHEN A DISRUPTIVE POLITICAL MOVEMENT NEEDED TO BE HALTED.

2. ONE EASY EXPLANATION FOR OMITTING THE EDITORIAL THIS YEAR IS THAT PROBLEMS ARE PROVING DIFFICULT TO SOLVE WHILE THE

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NEED TO PROMOTE STABILITY AND UNITY LIMITS THE SPEED AS WELL

AS THE SOLUTIONS OPEN TO THE LEADERSHIP. WE ALSO SENSE THAT
THINGS ARE GOING ON BEHIND TO SCENES AND THAT THE REGIME IS
CONSCIOUSLY LOWERING ITS DOMESTIC PROPAGANDA VOICE AND AVOIDING
EXCITEMENT, SEEKING TO MAXIMIZE A PUBLIC STATE OF CALM.
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